

## Savannah woman gets home makeover

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SAVANNAH, GA (WTOG) - One woman's prayers have been answered. Total strangers are pitching in giving her a home makeover.

They've ripped out the old and they're replacing it with new and they're doing it all for free for Wilma Lines of Savannah.

"I think it's wonderful, I love it," said Wilma Lines.

She's been watching the construction from the beginning, sitting in her home amazed someone would do this for her.

Her home fell into disrepair; she just couldn't keep it up on her own. Once Rebuilding Together Savannah found out about her living conditions they stepped in and knew they had a big project ahead of them.

Joe Rosenblum, a volunteer with Rebuilding Together explained what the house looked like, "Siding that was rotting, to find out there wasn't water to part of the bathroom, problems with lighting and the ceilings, inadequate electrical systems, no adequate heating system."

Rebuilding Together Savannah could handle the cost, but they needed people to do the work. That's when they contacted Fort Stewart and help arrived.

Soldiers from the 92nd Engineering Battalion at Fort Stewart were more than willing to put their skills to use and couldn't be more excited about the project.

"When we're overseas we don't get a chance to do this kind of work so when we're home we love to do it really participate in the community," said Charles Nash with the 92<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Battalion.

The soldiers have been here starting every morning at 6:30 am and sometimes not leaving until 9 o'clock at night.

There's not a lot of time to rest, but the soldiers say they don't care. "This is our way of giving back while we're home," said Nash.

Giving back to the people who need it the most, people like Lines, who wouldn't have been able to fix her home on her own.

"They're all wonderful, every one of them," said Lines.

Rebuilding Together Savannah is working on seventeen houses this year; Lines' is the first one.